

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. Constantine and Papan-dreou have given verbal approval to Acheson's plan for "instant enosis," with a sizable Turkish leased base on the island.



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c. The Greek negotiator at Geneva told Acheson that he thought Papandreou lacked the "iron" for carrying out the task under the plan but that the defense minister did have it.

d. Initial Turkish reaction to the plan, presented to Acheson at Geneva by the Turkish negotiator, was negative. Efforts are now under way in Ankara to gain Turkish acceptance.

e. The Greek Cypriots are still an uncertain factor. The Greek defense minister went to Nicosia Thursday ostensibly to inspect the Greek Army contingent, but [redacted] his real purpose was to sell the idea of "instant enosis," presumably by declaration. He has now returned to Athens. Makarios remains the real stumbling block.

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f. The Cyprus dilemma is putting heavy pressure on the Turkish regime.

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g. Inonu realizes that he faces a rapidly deteriorating situation and that soon he will have to give up Turkey's position on Cyprus or resume military operations on the island.

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Opposition to Inonu is growing in his own party as well as in the military and he may be forced to resign, especially if Cyprus is united with Greece without prior Turkish approval.

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2. Congo

a. Bukavu is now reported to be almost completely in government hands,

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c. Col. Dodds, Lt. Col. Rattan and Vice Consul MacFarlane are safe in Rwanda. No other details are yet available.

d. Tshombé is apparently carrying out, at least in part, his order of last Tuesday to expel from the Congo citizens of Congo (Brazzaville), Burundi, Mali, as well as Tutsi refugees from Rwanda. Some 1,000 Mali citizens have been expelled to Brazzaville and other nationals are being arrested.

e. This campaign has caused no disturbances thus far but the Congolese sureté looks for outbreaks soon in Leopoldville, instigated by rebel sympathizers.

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f. There are growing signs that some member states of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) want that group to move in on the Congo problem. Nigeria [redacted]

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[redacted] to push for an OAU Council meeting on the Congo, and Algeria and Mali have announced that they will also press for a meeting.

g. Tshombé's appeal to five African states for troop assistance has generated strong opinions in some African capitals that assistance of this sort should be furnished only under OAU auspices. Anti-Tshombé sentiment has increased in radical states and in some moderate capitals.

h. Some of the radicals want the OAU to become involved to further the rebel cause. [redacted]

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3. Burundi

a. Leading cabinet members who want a republic are reportedly plotting to overthrow the traditional ruler--the Mwami--a moderate who is friendly to Western representatives.

b. These government leaders have been involved in the operations of Tutsi tribesmen against the Congo and Rwanda and fear that Burundi will be attacked in reprisal. They have charged that the US and Belgium have encouraged Rwanda by furnishing it arms.

c. Our embassy in Bujumbura reports that the Chinese Communists have upped their pressure for closer relations with Burundi. They have offered military assistance and want to install a military attaché.

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4. Yemen

a. A shake-up in the regime may be in the making.

b. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] President Sallal and his right-hand man Vice President al-Amri will be ousted shortly and replaced by more popular members of the regime. Prime Minister Hamud al-Jaifi is mentioned as Sallal's successor. Tribal council head Ahmad Numan would be the new prime minister.

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c. Cairo probably agrees with the arrangement even though the prospective replacements are likely to be less amenable to Egyptian influence than their predecessors. The new men have tribal and religious connections, however, which could be used to beef up the regime's position against the royalists.

5. Haiti

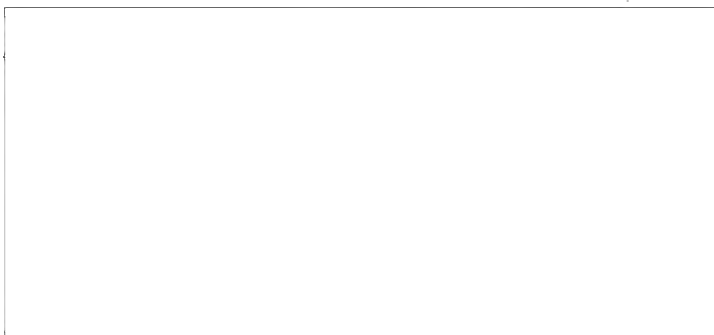
a. Duvalier's troops, still trying to wipe out the two rebel groups in the south, are not having much success and reportedly are suffering substantial casualties.

b. Regime forces travel in large groups and are afraid to patrol at night. [REDACTED]

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NOTES

- A. Algiers Dissidents, who have been operating in remote parts of the country for some time, have now become active in the First Military Region, which includes Algiers. Ben Bella's regime has increased its efforts to eliminate this opposition but has had only limited success. 50X1
- B. Italy The death yesterday of Palmiro Togliatti, long-time boss of the Italian Communist Party, will unquestionably touch off a struggle for power within the party hierarchy. We expect that Deputy Secretary Luigi Longo will be promptly named to head the party to demonstrate unity and continuity of policy. But as the dog-fight for ultimate power goes on behind the scenes, we look for erratic behavior in party policy. 50X1
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D. Sino-Soviet Controversy Peiping has not yet responded officially to Moscow's invitation to a meeting in December of 26 parties to discuss differences. Before the Soviet proposal was floated, the Chinese had said they would boycott any such meeting this year. Signs are now appearing in the Chinese press that they intend to issue counter-invitations to a conference they would hold in Peiping.

E. Communist China We still have no firm evidence that major ground force redeployments have taken place in China.

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F. USSR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] an unusual number of Soviet naval vessels were operating in the Mediterranean. [REDACTED]

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a. [redacted] Mission [redacted]
[redacted] encountered technical difficulties and heavy cloud conditions. It did, however, cover a few important targets.

b. Coverage showed that launch pads G3 and G4 under construction at Tyuratam will support boosters with thrusts of 1.5 to 2 million pounds.

c. We cannot yet say what the characteristics will be of such boosters, but storage tanks and dump basins at these pads indicate that vehicles launched from them will use liquid propellants.

d. Coverage of the Lop Nor installation in western China provided further evidence that it is a nuclear test site.

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